(iv) to develop programme packages for pre-service/in-service training of teachers at various levels.

(v) to develop a separate package for the training of citizens through non-formal education/adult education programme/ media (print, electronic etc.).

The Committee resolved to complete the task as far as possible within one year and the same has been completed.

Quality of Technical Education

†1793. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special campaign has been launched to bring improvement in the quality of technical education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps are being taken to strengthen the Technical Education Board by reconstituting it;

(d) the number of proposals received in this regard from Madhya Pradesh and the number of proposals accepted out of those;

(e) whether Government have initiated any scheme for the propagation of technical education in country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (f).The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) was given statutory status under the AICTE Act, 1987 for making improvement in the quality of Technical Education. The AICTE ensource continuous improvement in the development of technical education in a planned and coordinated manner through various Boards of studies and the National Board of Accreditation. The AICTE has since notified Regulations aimed at qualitative as well as quantitative improvement of technical education at all levels in the country. In so far as the States are concerned, the Technical Education Boards are the constituent units of the respective State Governments. There is no proposal from Madhya Pradesh for strengthening or reconstitution of their Technical Education Board.

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